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October 11, 1915.

President R. A. Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of October 8th, asking for applications to the Chair of Organic Chemistry at the University of Sydney, Australia, is received.

In the accompanying circular it is stated that the applications should reach London not later than Wednesday, October 13. If this date is fixed I do not see that anything more can be done to advantage at the present time.

The most likely method of finding a suitable candidate would seem to me to be to write to one-half dozen professors of chemistry in our leading universities, asking them to suggest names. The men who are most competent to help you are:-

Professor Moses Gomberg, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Professor Julius Stieglitz, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

Professor Alexander Smith, Columbia University, New York.

Professor C. L. Jackson, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

The only man here who might possibly consider such an opening and who would at the same time be competent to fill it is Dr. C. G. Derick, who is assistant professor of organic chemistry in this laboratory.

Very sincerely,

W. A. R. Jones

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October 15th, 1915

Professor W. A. Noyes,
University of Illinois.

Dear Professor Noyes:

I have to thank you very much for your letter and for the names that you have suggested. I had already corresponded with one or two whom you mention, but I imagine from the information that I have received it would be difficult to get candidates from the United States. However, we are only acting for the University of Sydney.

Yours sincerely,

President.

October 18, 1915.

President R. A. Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear President Falconer:-

I am inclined to think that it might be possible to find a suitable man for the position in chemistry at the University of Sydney, at the salary offered, if the University is inclined to consider an American candidate carefully on his merits. The greatest difficulty is that the men who are most suitable for such a position will not, as a rule, apply for positions, as that is not our American custom in filling positions of importance. However, as I stated in my first letter, it would be useless to consider the subject further unless some extension of filing applications in London is made.

Very sincerely,

W. A. Noyes